



# minutes

## Meeting Faculty Council (FC)

Date and time

31 January 2023, 13:30-15:00

Reference

Final

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Present

FC staff: Gwenda van der Vaart (chair), Annet Kempenaar, Dimitris Ballas, Gunnar Mallon

FC students: Harm Verbeek, Aidan McClements, Csenge Kunos, Penda Jobarteh

FB: Johan Woltjer, Arjan van den Assem, Nienke Bastiaans, Hesther van Rossem

Absent with notice

Emma Puerari, Ibn Battuta, RECG

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Minutes taken by

Eliza van der Ploeg

Last minutes (20 December 2022) approved

Yes

## 1. Actions

Number	Who?	What?	Dead-line?	See point
20220920-4	Ballas/Van der Vaart	Discuss mentoring system in an upcoming URSI meeting	Ongoing.	
20222012-4	Van der Vaart	When the Startersbeurzen discussion is still ongoing by the next Council's meeting, address it in the meeting.	23-2 Ongoing.	
20230131-1	Van der Ploeg	On agenda PC elections: approve current approach instead of voting.	25-4	2
20230131-2	Mallon	Check with Meijles whether representatives of the students/Pro Geo can join EQIP meeting about Chat GPT.		3a
20230131-3	Bastiaans	Check recruitment possibilities for Erasmus Mundus programmes.		3b
20230131-4	Van der Ploeg	Plan meeting for staff section FC to discuss the progress and candidates for the University Elections.	Begin March	4
20230131-5	Van der Vaart	Inform Executive Board about positive opinion on state of affairs of the Quality Agreements.		5
20230131-6	Van der Vaart	Horlings had some specific questions for the FC. After consultation with the other members, Van der Vaart answers Horlings.		6
20230131-7	Woltjer/Bastiaans	What is the current policy/vision of the FB about use of private laptops and investment in desktop computers? Woltjer/Bastiaans will check the faculty policy and IT-descriptions/contract with CIT.		6

## 2. Finished actions:

**20220920-3b:** Concerning the problem with course recordings in Brightspace, the short-term solution is that student-assistants have been hired to edit the recordings. For a long-term solution is Brightspace still working on a Pause button.

**20221108-1/2:** Mallon has contacted Van den Assem about the Quality Agreements and it is on the agenda of 31-1 for approval/discussion.

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**20221108-3:** The students recommended to open up the training Intercultural Competences to all students. The training is now open for all Mentor students. For interested students there is a summer school. Furthermore, a meeting for the mentors of the learning communities has been organized. Aim is to train the study advisors to do the training, but this is still under discussion. Afterwards, the training could be opened up for other students. Perhaps it will be offered in a short course.

**20221108-4:** Pro Geo has contacted Ballas and one of the students has joined the Committee Diversity & Inclusion.

**20221220-1:** In the current Faculty Regulations is not stated that the PC's election process needs FC approval. However, Article 15.2 is not clear about the procedure. This will be rectified when the Faculty Regulations will be updated again. In the May meeting, the FC will approve the current approach instead of voting (Action Van der Ploeg: on agenda) for upcoming year.

**20221220-2:** Woltjer & Van Rossem have checked whether there should be a Corona-plan elaboration for our faculty. This turned out to be not necessary.

**20221220-3:** Van der Ploeg has scheduled a meeting for the FC with the intended candidate for Managing Director.

**20222012-5:** Pro Geo has scheduled a meeting with Meijles to discuss the clashes in scheduling courses/electives.

## 3. For information/received documents

### a. Update PC's:

- Chat GPT: in one PC the (mis)use of Chat GPT has been raised. Mallon will host an EQIP meeting about Chat GPT. Mallon checks with Meijles whether representatives of the students/Pro Geo could join.
- Best Teaching Practice Award: PC's have nominated best practices.

### b. Update Faculty Board:

- **Institutional Budget** annex for information: Next week the faculty's Economizing Committee has the first meeting. Not only looking at economizing but also at generating money.
- **Education Monitor FSS 2022** annex for information. Every year the monitor is made as input for the Administrative Meeting. The education is more or less developing as planned. At the moment there is a discussion ongoing about the number of international students at Dutch universities. UoG and also FSS stand for international university/communities. According to Ballas, there is uncertainty about recruitment possibilities for Erasmus Mundus programmes. Bastiaans checks this.
- **Starter grants:** The trend in faculties is to group/share the scholarships on basis of a team. What teams are relevant for our faculty is in process.

**c. Concept minutes 20 December 2022:** The minutes are approved without any text changes.

**d.** Puerari has announced in the pre-meeting that she will leave the faculty (and the Faculty Council) as she has accepted another job.

## 4. University Elections 2023

In the pre-meeting, the Faculty Council has discussed the communication and recruitment. Pro Geo organizes this for the student section. For the staff section, the Council prefers to have representations from the different departments and PhD's. In early March the staff section of the Faculty Council will meet to discuss the progress and candidates (action Van der Ploeg).

## 5. Quality Agreements (QA)

The Faculty Council discusses the state of affairs of the QA. Questions are answered by Van den Assem. One topic is the Digital Skills course. The faculty wants to invest in improving digital skills of students. It is an ongoing process/improvement. Kempenaar suggests to have perhaps a strategic discussion with labor market professionals, staff and students what skills are necessary/needed. Different perspectives may lead to a clear vision of what future professionals

need. Pro Geo is doing a digital skills survey among students. The results are probably ready next meeting.

The Faculty Council expresses a positive opinion on the state of affairs of the Quality Agreements (action Van der Vaart: make letter for Executive Board).

## 6. Input from staff:

- Chat GPT was mentioned, but this has already been taken up.
- Horlings had some specific questions for the FC. This has already been discussed in the pre-meeting. After consultation with the other members, Van der Vaart will answer Horlings.
- Hardware: Kempenaar mentions that some colleagues are continually using their own laptop as the current desktop computers are too slow for certain programmes. This raises questions about security and whether investing in desktop computers might be a waste of money. Also, it looks like there is some inequality in obtaining a laptop. What is the current policy/vision of the FB about this? Woltjer/Bastiaans will check the faculty policy and IT-descriptions/contract with CIT.

## 7. Any other subject and closure

There are no other subjects. The next meeting is Tuesday 14 March 2023.  
The chair closes the meeting.